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## RESPONSE

September 23, 2004

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action dated April 2, 2004. A petition for a threemonth extension of time to respond is attached.

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.